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HYDEL POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work on the ongoing Hydel Power Projects between Gangotri and Uttarakashi has been put on hold;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) : Three hydro power projects namely, Bhaironghati, Loharinag Pala and Pala Maneri are planned on the river Bhagirathi between Gangotri and Uttarakashi. The brief details of these three projects are at Annex. Out of the above mentioned three schemes, Bhaironghati and Pala Maneri projects are proposed to be taken up by Uttarakhand Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (UJVNL), an undertaking of the Government of Uttarakhand, whereas Loharinag Pala Hydro Power Project is under implementation by NTPC Limited. These projects are run-of-the-river type projects.

Taking note of the concerns raised by some NGO`s regarding construction of hydro power schemes on the river Ganga, the NTPC on 18.7.2008, as directed by the Government, has constituted a High Level Expert Group to examine the various issues involved. The Group has been granted extension upto 18th December, 2008.

The State Government of Uttarakhand has reportedly put on hold the projects of Bhaironghati and Pala Maneri.